

I fully support the petition of No Code International. The basis for the petition is clearly outlined and provides ample evidence that the FCC should proceed with the elimination of Morse Code Proficiency as a requirement for any amateur radio license. The dwindling number of active licensed operators in the United States should be a significant impetus to expedite rulemaking in this matter. With new responsibilities of the Amateur Radio Service under Homeland Security, the role of emergency communicators will be jeopardize without sufficient radio operators. The evidence is clear that the Morse Code Requirement has been played a key role in the high attrition rate of Technician Class Licensees. It has discouraged many from advancing in skill and operating experience with many leaving the hobby forever. The FCC needs to license more amateur radio operators to save the spectrum allocated to the Amateur Radio Service from commercial enterprises. The most efficient and direct method to increase spectrum utilization is to remove the Morse Code Requirement as at least six other countries in the ITU have. Incentive privileging that depends on proficiency in an obsolete mode of communication is no longer viable. Please lift the burden of Morse Code Proficiency as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

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